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DEATH OF WORKERS AT ALANG SHIP BREAKING YARD
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workers injured/died in accident during the last three years at Alang ship breaking yard in Gujarat;

(b) the action taken/proposed by the Government against the persons found responsible therefor;

(c) the compensation paid to each of the injured and family of the deceased in such cases; and

(d) the remedial steps taken by the Government to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS)

(a) The number of accidents reported at Alang ship breaking yard during the last three years is as under:-

YEAR	FIRE/ACCIDENT	
	Injured	Death
2004-05	1	3
2005-06	11	7
2006-07 (up to Jan'07)	5	5
Total	17	15

(b) In the event of major accident leading to death or serious bodily injury to any person, all the activities of the concerned plot are suspended by the Gujarat Maritime Board (GMB) and inquiry is commissioned by authorized persons and penal action is taken as per 'Gujarat Maritime Board Ship Recycling Regulations'. In case, on the basis of the inquiry report, negligence is proved then a sum of Rs. 5 lakhs is levied and the same is deposited in workers' welfare fund. The plot holder is also penalized upto Rs. 10,000/- in case of breach of any clause of the Safety Regulations.

(c) In case of death, the next kin of deceased is paid Rs. 25,000/- immediately as ex-gratia compensation and also a minimum amount of Rs. 2 lakhs. In case of injury to any person, he is paid Rs. 5,000/-

(d) The State Government of Gujarat through GMB and the Labour Department has taken a number of preventive steps to reduce the accidents rate. These include risk awareness campaigns among workers, training to the workers and safety supervisors, mandatory use of personal protective equipments by the workers, mandatory use of gas detectors during cutting operations, investigation of fatal accident cases and taking punitive actions, strict implementation of various rules/regulations etc.